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TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT: Section 213, Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1945

1. Your attention is invited to the provisions of section 213 of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1945 (P.L. 358), which reads as follows:

"SEC. 213. After January 1, 1945, no part of any appropriation or fund made available by this or any other Act shall be allotted or made available to, or used to pay the expenses of, any agency or instrumentality including those established by Executive order after such agency or instrumentality has been in existence for more than one year, if the Congress has not appropriated any money specifically for such agency or instrumentality or specifically authorized the expenditure of funds by it. For the purposes of this section, any agency or instrumentality including those established by Executive order shall be deemed to have been in existence during the existence of any other agency or instrumentality, established by a prior Executive order, if the principal functions of both of such agencies or instrumentalities are substantially the same or similar. When any agency or instrumentality is or has been prevented from using appropriations by reason of this section, no part of any appropriation or fund made available by this or any other Act shall be used to pay the expenses of the performance by any other agency or instrumentality of functions which are substantially the same as or similar to the principal functions of the agency or instrumentality so prevented from using appropriations, unless the Congress has specifically authorized the expenditure of funds for performing such functions."

2. It is the intention of the Bureau of the Budget to submit to Congress a proposed provision authorizing the expenditure of funds for interdepartmental committees, boards, or other groups, which are engaged in authorized activities of common interest to two or more departments or agencies and are composed of representatives serving without additional compensation. The language of the proposed provision which the Bureau intends to submit to Congress reads as follows:

Appropriations of the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government for the fiscal year 1945 shall be available for the expenses of committees, boards, or other interagency groups engaged in authorized activities of common interest to such departments and establishments and composed of representatives thereof who receive no additional compensation by virtue of such membership: Provided, That employees of such departments and establishments rendering service for such committees, boards, or other groups other than as representatives shall receive no additional compensation by virtue of such service.

3. Estimates of appropriation or legislation authorizing the expenditure of funds should be submitted as soon as possible for all agencies or instrumentalities affected by the provisions of section 213 which are expected to continue to function beyond the time permitted under said section and are not covered by the proposed provision quoted above.

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